

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 31, with the following amended paragraph:

One technological challenge has been allowing audio/visual media to be made available on relatively low bandwidth connections (such as 14.4 kilobits/second modems). Native audio and visual digital files are too large to receive in a timely manner over these low bandwidth modems. This technological challenge becomes prohibitive when one attempts to transmit a lecture over the Internet, which requires slide updates while maintaining simultaneous audio transmission. To this end, Real Networks™, Microsoft™, VDOlive™ and several other companies have commercialized a variety of techniques which allow for continuous, uninterrupted transmission of sound and images over the Internet, even over low bandwidth connections. This format, known as "streaming", does not require the end-user to obtain the entire audio or video file before they can see or hear it. Recently, Microsoft has provided a standard media format for Web-based multimedia transmission over the Internet. This standard is called the "Active Streaming Format" (ASF). The ASF Format is further described at the Internet website [<http://www.microsoft.com/mind/0997/netshow/netshow.htm>], which is incorporated herein by reference.